

and I certainly hope that you can see what we are doing. We just simply can't be taking money away from the State of Nebraska and initiating new bills by spending more money. It is not going to be there. As I said before, I'm not sure the Governor will sign this bill and he may sign it with this amendment put on there. It will put more money in Nebraska and not take so much away. I urge you to look this thing over and think it through and say to yourself, if a person making \$25,000, doesn't he have enough to at least give the state a few dollars to help support the state? I ask you to look it over and think about it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose Senator Von Minden's amendment. I have compromised as far as I am going to compromise. We have compromised the middle class in this nation and in this state for long enough. They are paying 28.8 percent of all the income tax dollars we receive and what do we give them back, nothing. We give them nothing in return. You talk about putting dollars back into the state tax coffers. You better remember that back in 1976 those dollars, the state was not receiving those dollars. We took those dollars because of a federal change. We had a windfall of money to this state because we did not change our tax code when the federal government did. For years prior to that, Senator Von Minden, we allowed them to receive child care money through a deduction because of the flow through effect. If you look at the bill and if you look at the handouts that I have given you over the last three, four years you will see that. It is time that we recognized that working parents have additional costs for child care. They have additional costs. You talk about someone making \$20,000 being a lot of money. Not when you have two kids and a mortgage payment and a car payment and child care costs. Maybe eight years ago but not today. It is time we look at our middle class too. They are the ones supporting this government. They are the ones paying 28.8 percent of all the income tax dollars we receive and I don't really care what your feelings on whether the Governor will sign this bill or not is. This is a democracy. We have three separate branches of government. We will make